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Concerns Raised Over Bus Transportation

By Andree Belisle

MILLBURY - Concerns over bus transportation provided by the Lola Bus company for children in the Millbury School system were expressed by School Committee members Jane Pojani and Alan Marble at the committee's November 1 meeting. "I am not pleased with the bus service," Marble said. "I want to go on record as saying that if Mr. Lola can't take care of these problems that he be requested to come in to us and answer questions from A to Z surrounding issues of bus safety, training of drivers, and his hiring practices. I am not satisfied with what I have seen." With the exception of a mention of buses not arriving on time, the nature of other complaints was never discussed.

On November 3, an anonymous caller phoned the Chronicle office and alleged that one of Lola's bus drivers "had either exposed himself, uttered an indecent suggestion, or used an obscene gesture" in the performance of his duties. The phone caller also alleged that: 1. one of the bus drivers had an arrest record relating to either the possession of cocaine or possession with intent to distribute cocaine; and 2. one driver had several arrests for drunk driving.

While the Chronicle does not make a habit of following up on anonymous phone calls, the seriousness of these allegations and similar rumors circulating around town, seemed to warrant some clarification and further investigation. As a result, we discussed the allegations and licensing requirements for school bus drivers with Millbury Police Chief Ron Stokowski, Safety Officer Ron Richards, Superintendent Dr. Alfred Sylvia, Suzanne Pierce, Business Manager for the Millbury School Department, and Richard Moulison, Director of Driver Licensing for the Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles. Mr. Lola, when contacted on November 17, stated that he would come in for an interview. To date, he has not contacted the Chronicle.

Both the Millbury Police Department and the School Department have received complaints relating to bus transportation since the 1989-90 school year began. Those complaints can be broken down into two categories: service-related and driver related. According to Sue Pierce, the School Department receives many service-related requests at the beginning of the school year, mainly related to route changes. With respect to driver complaints, Pierce said that perhaps a dozen complaints have been received since the 1989-90 school year began, which she called normal, "because you have students that don't care for the bus driver because the bus driver may say 'sit down in back.' There's always that kind of conflict," she said, "and that goes on throughout the year."

Sylvia said he keeps a record of "serious complaints." When asked to identify the serious complaints, Sylvia replied, "One incident was inappropriate behavior by a driver which resulted in the dismissal of the driver. The other one was inappropriate language by an employee, he was not a driver. But it was a person who works for Lola. That person was reprimanded and not allowed to be on the school bus."

When asked to define the alleged "inappropriate behavior," Sylvia replied, "Inappropriate behavior. I'm not going to go into details."

Stokowski, Richards, Sylvia, and Pierce, denied that any individual was questioned on an incident relating to indecent exposure.

"There was something about words that were said that were not appropriate but nothing about anything exposure-wise, to my knowledge," Sylvia said.

Richards explained that the allegation of exposure may have resulted from some confusion on the definition of Lewd and Lascivious Behavior. "Lewd and lascivious can constitute swearing at the kids," he said, "it doesn't strictly apply to exposing. Lewd and lascivious language, speech and behavior, also covers the language a bus driver could use to a child."

Sylvia said the individual alleged to have used inappropriate language was not a bus driver but was an employee of Lola's. "I guess he was provoked," Sylvia said. "He was trying to show the driver the route; the driver was new. As I understand it, students had said several things to him that were not appropriate either so he retorted with some inappropriate language as well. That was brought to Mr. Lola's attention and I informed Mr. Lola that he (the employee) should not be on any school buses nor would I expect him to be on any school buses in the future to show drivers routes or anything else."

With respect to the allegatio[n] that a driver had a record of sever[al] drunk driving arrests, Pierce replied "The law for obtaining a bus driver's license would not allow someone like that to get a bus driver's license. In order to get a bus driver's license you have to have a clean record."

Sylvia would neither confirm nor deny the allegation that one driver had a drug-related record. "We had a substitute driver that we found out had previously been involved with a problem. To what extent that problem was, I'm not sure. That person is no longer driving and was not a (school bus) licensed driver."

[B]oards did acknowledge [th]er was found to have had [re]lating to drugs, "either in the use of drugs or in the possession of drugs," he said. This, according to Richards, would restrict him from obtaining a bus driver's license. "There's no way he could legally possess a school bus operator's license with that conviction," he said.

Sylvia and Pierce were asked if all the drivers working for the school department or Lola Bus are in possession of School Bus Drivers Licenses, a requirement of

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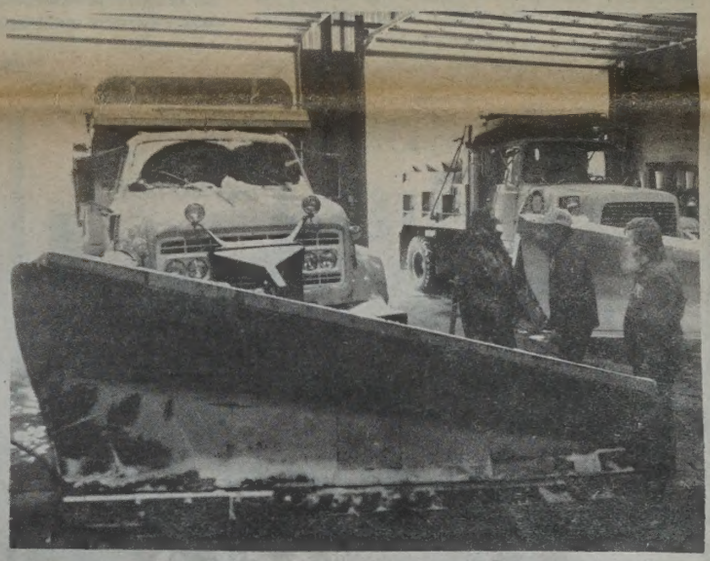

MILLBURY - Thanksgiving Dinner was held off for Highway Department workers who were called out to plow on Thanksgiving Day. Workers above are shown preparing to attach the plows. Weathermen had forecasted only a dusting for the area.

MILLBURY - The streets of Town were nearly deserted on Thanksgiving morning as an unexpected snowfall of nearly 8 inches hit the area.

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Another Point of View

UGLINESS IS IN THE EYE OF THE BEHOLDER

By Lawrence Moore

The recent series in the *Telegram & Gazette* on nepotism was a horrible waste of time, money and space. Society has recognized nepotism as a potential for malfeasance, and, even in Massachusetts, has tightened the rules. Six years ago the Ethics Commission began its work.

Running five lengthy stories, the product of nearly three months of research by two reporters, will not change a thing. All of the people whose names were blackened in print will go on doing exactly what they were doing, most of them doing their jobs no better and no worse than their peers.

Of 5,200 State and County officials, the Ethics Commission, in its six years of existence, has fined only 21 people.

Nepotism has been with us for centuries. The process was always suspect, but it was (and in many places still is) a way of life. Condemn the system, change the rules (as we have done) but why castigate the individuals. The headline writer summed up the five articles and three months research by two reporters in a few words on the front page of the Thanksgiving *Telegram & Gazette* when he wrote, "Few Officials Have Run Afoul of Family-Ties Law."

Who among us hasn't tried to help his own. When I was in retailing, with my help my daughters worked during summer vacation on the college fashion board. Both my daughters attended merchandising schools and both had careers in retailing.

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Why then is it so earth shattering that Mike Flynn should have three children who chose to follow in their father's profession. The children grew up in the Master's House on the jail grounds, knew the staff and the inmates, and once were the only mourners when a long term prisoner died. Mike Flynn was a good father, proud of his profession, setting an example of service for his children.

The *Telegram & Gazette* reported only one side of Mike Flynn. They didn't tell us that of the 14 Sheriffs in the Commonwealth, MIKE FLYNN IS THE ONLY PROFESSIONAL CORRECTION-TRAINED SHERIFF. He became Master of the jail in 1963, and in 1965 instituted a Work Release program, the second in the State. There are between 45 and 55 men in the program, who hold down jobs, pay taxes, send support to their families, and pay the jail $25 a week for room and board.

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Calendar

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1
SUTTON - An Oldies Dance to benefit "Kids Country" will be held from 8 p.m. to midnight at the Dudley Gendron Post, Boston Road. $5.00 per adult.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2
MILLBURY - A Camp Fire Merry Berry fair will be held at the Elmwood Street School from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

SUTTON - The First Congregational Church of Sutton, Boston Road at the Common, will hold a Roast Beef Supper from 5-7 p.m.

MILLBURY - All members and friends of the First Congregational Church are reminded that green tiers are needed today, starting at 9:00 a.m. No experience is necessary.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4
MILLBURY - The Millbury Woman's Club will hold a "Special Christmas Tea" today.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5
SUTTON - The Sutton Historical Society's annual Christmas auction will be held at 8:00 p.m. at the General Rufus Putnam Hall in Sutton Center. Public welcome.

MILLBURY - District Nursing Blood Pressure Clinic at the Asa Waters Mansion, 8:30-11:00 a.m.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6
SUTTON - The Sutton PTA will hold a membership drive and informal afternoon meeting at 2:30 p.m. in the Junior/Senior High School cafeteria.

MILLBURY - Janet R. O'Connor, a consultant for Human Development Resources, will present a workshop entitled, "Discipline-Why and How" from 7-9 p.m. at the Shaw Middle School Media Center.

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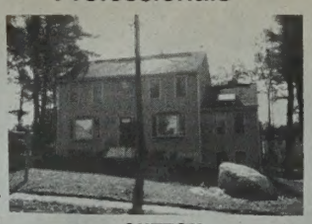

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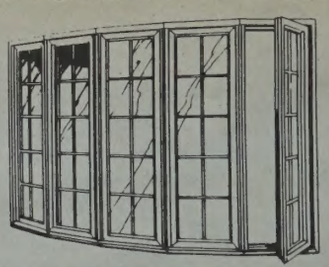

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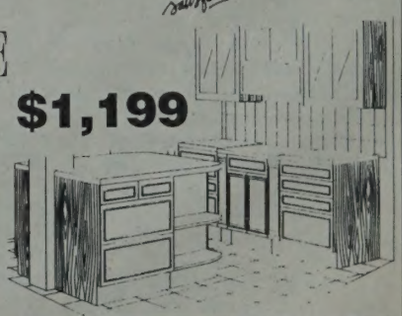

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Millbury Selectmen's Meeting Digest

Letters Generate Discussion on Rerouting of Truck Traffic Through Center of Millbury

By Andree Belisle

MILLBURY - All board members were present for the November 21 Selectmen's meeting.

Patchwork

Administrative Assistant Earl Chase reported that Elliott Leasing Equipment will return on Monday to hard top a street opening on Main Street. The board had discussed the quality of the contractor's work at last week's meeting.

Chairman Jude Cristo asked why the contractor was not present since the board had requested that he appear to discuss his work. Chase replied that scheduling problems prevented his appearance. He also noted that the contractor's drainlayer's license expires at the end of December.

Flashing Traffic Signal

Chase reported that the newly-installed flashing traffic signal at the intersection of Grafton and Riverlin Streets is now working. He also explained that the light is a little off center because of the alignment of the streets.

Beverage License Appeal

Chase said he had spoken with Francis Castagnetti, the owner of Clearview Country Club, who said he is withdrawing his appeal of a suspension of the club's beverage license "at this time." Chase said he has received nothing in writing to confirm the withdrawal. A hearing on the appeal was scheduled for November 30. "We're prepared to go forward," Chase said.

He then asked the board if they wanted to set a date for the suspension to go into effect. On a motion by Selectman John Donnelly, the board voted unanimously to revoke the license from December 4-10, contingent upon formal notification from the owner that he is withdrawing his appeal.

Street Light on South Main Street

Chase said he viewed the area on South Main Street where residents have asked that a street light be installed. He noted that a gate has been installed at the site by the electric company. Chase explained that residents of the area are looking for the added protection of a street light to help prevent illegal dumping. "It's a good gate, but it's not indestructible," he said.

Cristo remarked, "Isn't it ironic that it's on Mass. Electric land and we're asking them to put up a gate and we're looking for them to pay for a light there?" The board took no action on the request.

Civil Service Exam

Chase reported that he received the announcement of the Police Chief's exam and said it was not what he anticipated receiving. "This examination is open to all permanent police sergeants and police officers in the Millbury Police Department," he said.

"We requested only sergeants," Cristo noted.

"That's what I anticipated," Chase replied. "That may be the way it will eventually turn out, but at the moment this is now the end of November. If we were to include all police officers in the department this does not get posted until it's returned, which could take another two weeks. I'd say that's an insufficient time for preparation on the part of all the regular police officers." The exam is scheduled for February 3.

Cristo asked Chase to call Civil Service for more information.

"We're going to go around and around on this deal," Selectman Roland Lachance said. "This board requested an exam for sergeants, right? I'd hate like hell to have somebody from the outside tell us what we can do and what we can't do. I'm sick and tired of it. We asked for it and we want an answer why we can't have it. Period. Return it that way. Let's stop pussyfooting around."

Candidates for Board of Health

Chase reported that as of last week he was aware of three candidates interested in filling out the unexpired term of Walter Weldon on the Board of Health. "One of those has withdrawn," he said. "That's left Frank Rano and Thomas Brown." Rano and Brown were scheduled on the agenda last Friday.

Chase then went on to say that he received letters of interest today from Hy Sclar and Raymond Lee. Donnelly suggested that Brown and Rano be interviewed at their scheduled times and Sclar and Lee be interviewed at 8:00 p.m.

Gauthier made a motion to interview only those two candidates who were listed on the agenda (Rano and Brown) and to make an appointment from those two. The motion was defeated as there was no second.

A motion was then made and approved to interview Rano and Brown at their scheduled times and to interview Sclar and Lee at 8:00 p.m.

Brown Interview

Thomas Brown was the first candidate to be interviewed. A resident of Burbank Street, Brown said he has lived in town since 1972. He has a degree in business administration from Worcester Junior College and is one course short of a business degree from Salem State College. He retired from the Air

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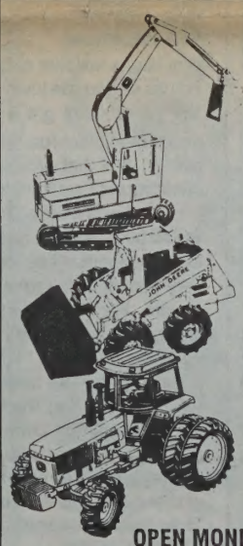

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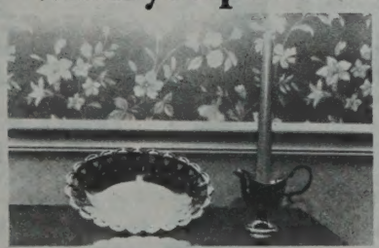

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Force with the rank of Sergeant on a medical disability. Brown is presently an insurance investigator supervisor for a private company and a part-time patrolman for the Town of Millbury.

"I feel that I can be asset to the Town of Millbury," Brown said. "I have worked down at the dump as a patrolman and I have seen some of the problems down there which are directly related to the board of health. I feel I can have a good input and assist others on the board of health. I do have an investigative background which would also assist in some of the other areas that I believe that this board needs."

Selectman Roland Lachance asked all four candidates for their views on recycling. "I've always been an advocate for recycling," Brown said. "Even when I moved into town I requested that they put some bins down there, but that was vetoed."

Brown was also asked how much time he could devote to the position. "I can make myself available as need be," he replied.

Rano Interview

Frank Rano, a resident of Millbury Avenue, said he has lived in town for almost 20 years. "I would like to get involved in town government. I see what's going on with Wheelabrator and the transfer station, and I would like to get involved," he said.

"How deeply would you like to get involved," Donnelly asked.

"As far as being as being on the board of health, that's something you start with," Rano replied.

Rano also said he would be available both day and night.

With respect to recycling, Rano said it has its good and bad points. "You're still polluting the air no matter what you recycle if you're burning it," he said.

Sclar Interview

Hy Sclar, a resident of Manor Road, told the board that he has been active in town politics for 20 years. "I know the town," Sclar said, "what it needs and what it wants."

Sclar too said he would be available every day of the week and was in favor of recycling.

Lee Interview

Ray Lee, a resident of Elm Street, told the board that he has served the town in a variety of capacities over the years. "I've got a good insight on how town departments are run and how they're operated," he said. "I feel that with some of my knowledge and background I could have some input for the board."

Lachance asked Lee if he felt recycling would be a factor in reducing the tonnage that goes to Wheelabrator. Lee replied that recycling would be very beneficial in removing tonnage from the waste stream. He also noted that one of the problems associated with recycling is finding a market for the recyclable material. "There is a market out there, it's just carrying it out to dispose of it."

Following the interviews, Board of Health members James Dwinell and Tom Stratford were asked if they would like to place a name in nomination. Dwinell nominated Thomas Brown, whose name was the only one placed in nomination. The board unanimously approved Brown's appointment to fill out the vacancy on the Board of Health.

Public Hearing on Pole Relocation

Al Trychon, representing New England Telephone, was present for a public hearing relative to a petition from Massachusetts Electric and New England Telephone and Telegraph to relocate a pole on South Main Street at School Street. The board unanimously approved the petition.

Sidewalk Construction

Town Planner Dave Hulseberg and Steve Chabot, one of the developers of a new building at the corner of South Main Street and School Streets, were present to discuss a proposal to put a 12 foot wide asphalt drive at the front of the building with a swag chain fence. A portion of the driveway is on Town property.

"They would like to be able to pull their 18-wheeler in there when they're getting their deliveries so the deliveries will not have to be made at the back of the building or on any roadway which could block traffic," Hulseberg explained. An Ace Hardware store is slated to be located in the building.

After some discussion on liability, the board voted unanimously to approve the proposal.

Civil Service Exam

Sergeant Lincoln Barton was present to discuss the Civil Service Exam for the Police Chief's position. "As you know," Barton said, "we have a chief's test scheduled for February. There has been some discussion whether or not this test will be given due to the fact that it requires four in the rank assigned to take the test."

Barton then read a portion of a response to a letter he had written to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Personnel Administration. The response was from Howard Lebowitz, manager of the Audit and Compliance Bureau of local government services. "If less than four sergeants are eligible to take the next promotional exam," the letter read, "a letter to that effect may be directed from the appointing authority (the selectmen) to the bureau of examinations for review. If four or more sergeants are eligible (which Barton said was the case), the final number of applicants will be the determining factor for holding or postponing the examination." MGL 31 Section 59.

Barton said he spoke to the posting unit at Civil Service on Friday and asked them if there were provisions for the test to be given this February if four sergeants were not filing for the test. "They informed me that in the past they have accepted affidavits," Barton said, "and in this case they probably would again if some of the sergeants reducing that number to below four were to sign affidavits indicating they would not take the test. You (board of selectmen), being the appointing authority, could request civil service to open that test up immediately for the entire department." Barton noted that this would have to be done by the December filing date.

"If you do not do that and it goes beyond that filing date, "Barton continued, "the test will have to be put off a whole year. You don't want that," he said, "and at this point, we don't want that. I've

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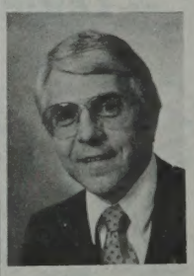

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contacted every member of the association who is in agreement that we want the process over. It makes absolutely no fiscal sense, it makes no morale sense, it makes no sense whatsoever to put this off another year if we know already that there won't be enough applicants for the test that the sergeant's are given.

Barton then read an affidavit signed by Sergeants Ed Perry and Glen Parath, which read as follows:

"We, the below named sergeants of the Millbury Police Department, hereby swear and affirm that we do not intend to apply for nor take the upcoming promotional examination for Chief of Police in the Town of Millbury to be given in 1990."

"The game is now in your court," Barton said. "There are now three sergeants expressing an interest in taking the test. There are seven people department-wide expressing an interest in taking the test if it's opened up department-wide. You need four to take the test. They go rank by rank until they come up with four. If they don't get four sergeants, they open it up to the next rank which is patrolman, until they get four total."

Cristo then remarked, "Supposedly there are three sergeants who want to take the test. What happens if for some reason no patrolmen take the test?"

"All they have to do is apply," Barton responded.

"If there are still only three?" Cristo asked.

"I don't know how to answer that question," Barton said.

"Would it be postponed anyway?" Cristo asked.

"May be," Barton answered.

Cristo then noted that in December of 1988 the sergeant's knew that the police chief's exam would be given in February, 1990. "Those individuals have had over a year to study for the exam," he said. "If we were to open it up now to patrolmen they would in fact only have about two months to study."

Barton replied, "Three of the people who want to take the test were in fact involved in the last sergeant's test. So they've been studying. The question is, do you want to put it off another year. This is your decision, not ours. We have given you the vehicle by which you can have that test now and get it over with."

Lachance then questioned why Perry and Parath were not present to attest to the affidavit.

"That's been attested to and signed by a notary public," Barton replied.

"Who initiated this (affidavit)?" Lachance asked.

"I did," Barton replied. "I'm president of the association, I have to represent the interests of everybody. As you well know, I'm a potential candidate for the chief's job. It's immaterial to me whether you do it now or in a year. If you give me another year to study, I obviously am going to do better. So it's not in my interest that I'm looking for. I'm looking to get the process over with."

"If we're going to open it up, and there are some seriously interested people," Cristo said, "in all fairness they would benefit by the extra time to study."

"I have spoken to every one of them who says, 'Yes, it's not a lot of time, but if we're serious we're not objecting to it.' I have not had an objection," Barton said.

"It would obviously be better if they had the additional time, too," Cristo said.

"Perhaps," Barton replied, "perhaps not. Who knows?"

Cristo noted that Barton had presented a new avenue for the board to take. "But also," he said, "circumstances have changed. We were looking at just sergeants but now we're talking about patrolmen being involved."

"I think this board voted to have a sergeant's exam," Lachance remarked.

A motion was made and unanimously approved to table the matter.

Transfer Station

Chase reported that the Transfer Station is "very close to the end of it. Just about everything has been done," he said. He suggested that the committee make an inspection.

"Why don't we inspect it when it's done?" Bleau asked.

"Mulholland said it is substantially complete," Chase said, "and he's looking for final payment."

"I'll go down there when the building is completed, period," Lachance said. "Then he will get paid."

Chase said there are 21 items remaining on the punch list.

Millbury Avenue Reconstruction

Donnelly said he received calls expressing concerns over the island at the intersection of Millbury Avenue and Riverlin Street.

Lachance said he observed a woman trying to make a turn up to Millbury Avenue. He said she almost lost control of her car by following the lines. "You have to do down, take a sharp left, then take a sharp right. That's ridiculous," Lachance said. "What's wrong with solid yellow lines?"

Board members discussed the possibility of removing the painted island by grinding it down. "They were supposed to outline it and the next thing we knew they painted it," Cristo said.

HVAC

Cristo asked Chase for an update on the installation of the HVAC system at the town hall. "I still see it sitting in the parking lot," Cristo said. "What's going on?"

Chase replied that weather conditions had hampered the installation.

Center School

Chase reported that he had spoken with Linda Johnson, Director of the Youth Center, who said the

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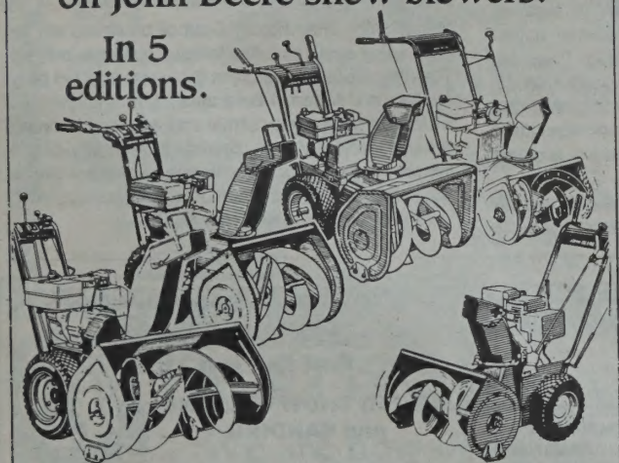

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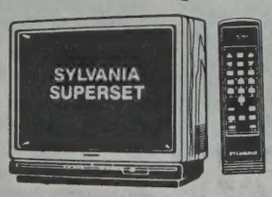

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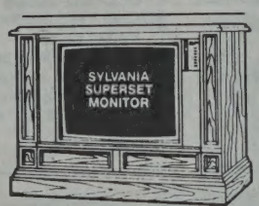

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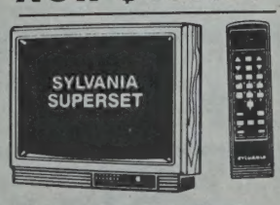

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On The Shelf

By Rosemary Waltos

December Highlights

HOLIDAY CARD CRAFT, Wednesday, December 6, 3:30 - youngsters of all ages are invited to make holiday cards to give and treasure.

HOLIDAY DECORATION WORKSHOP, Wednesday, December 13 at 3:30 - if you missed our Holiday Card Craft, here's another chance to get into the spirit with our Holiday Decoration Workshop. Preschoolers to grade three will make holiday cut-out ornaments. Youngsters in grades three and up will make wreath decorations. Registration starts on December 6.

COOKING EXCHANGE, Wednesday, December 20 at 3:30 - bakers unite in our third annual cookie swap. Bring one dozen (per participant) of homemade cookies and receive an assortment of cookies in exchange. While Holiday helpers are making the "swap," youngsters are invited to watch a video classic. Registration starts on December 13.

REPTILES AND AMPHIBIANS, Wednesday, December 29 at 3:30 - Lew Stevens, wildlife educator and supervisor of the Children's Zoo at Franklin Park in Boston, takes his show on the road to the Millbury Public Library for this special presentation. Mr. Stevens will bring live reptiles and amphibians to the library and discuss their myths and realities. Seating is limited, so register early. Registration starts on December 13.

You may register for all programs by calling 865-1181.

MILLBURY PUBLIC LIBRARY NOTE CARDS are on sale by the Friends of the Millbury Public Library. These note cards, each with a sketch of the Millbury Public Library built in 1915, capture the charm and grace that typifies New England. Note cards are $2.00 for 10 and are available at the library. Proceeds support many of the library programs offered to the community throughout the year.

Altrusa Club

WORCESTER - District One Governor, Jennifer Kensel, visited the Altrusa Club of Worcester at its regular monthly meeting on November 27th.

Founded in Nashville, Tennessee in 1917, Altrusa became a worldwide service association of classified business, executive and professional women united in personal development and fellowship. There are over 500 clubs geographically grouped into 15 districts in 17 countries of the world. Working together in local groups, members volunteer their energies and expertise in a wide variety of projects dedicated to community betterment.

The Altrusa Club of Worcester meets on the 4th Monday evening of each month. Recent projects of the Worcester Club include support of the Lifeline System at Memorial Hospital, the Heifer Project International at Overlook Farm in Rutland, relief for victims of Hurricane Hugo, support of literacy projects both internationally and locally, knitting of warm hats for children, Thanksgiving dinners, and other community projects. Educational assistance for women is provided according to individual needs at both the local and international level.

Altrusa clubs throughout the world have joined in support of the United Nations and declared 1990 as "International Literacy Year." Altrusans everywhere will be planning their projects with a "Vision of our Future" to assure a literate world by the year 2000.

Millbury women who are members of the Altrusa Club of Worcester are Betty Hamilton, Lorraine Hayes, Karen Koprowski, and Yvonne Estabrook.

Merry Berry Fair

MILLBURY - A Camp Fire Merry Berry fair will be held at the Elmwood Street School on Saturday, December 2, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. A set-up for leaders will be held on Friday night from 6:30-7:30.

Wreath Making

MILLBURY - All members and friends of the First Congregational Church are reminded that green tiers are needed on Saturday December 2, starting at 9:00 a.m. No experience is necessary.

Joan Greenwood is in charge of greens, Marty Moore and helpers will assemble the finished products, and Thelma Swedberg is in charge of refreshments for the coffee break.

Help is needed this year more than ever since a number of orders were taken in addition to the wreaths that are made each year to decorate the church.

Women's Club to Hold Christmas Tea

MILLBURY - The Millbury Women's Club will hold a "Special Christmas Tea" at their December 4 monthly meeting. Members will reminisce on Christmases past.

Co-chairwomen for this event will be Dorothea Molleur and Barbara A. Swenson. They will be assisted by Charlotte Bedord, Marjorie Boria, Irma Kotilainen, Irene Ostrowski, Maryann Bourdeau, Evelyn King, Lorraine Konisky, Carolina Pescheta, Ruth Shimkus, and Ida Vartanian. Members of the Executive Board will also assist at the tea.

Surplus Food Distribution

MILLBURY - The Millbury Council on Aging will be distributing surplus food to Millbury residents only on Tuesday, December 5, from 9-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m. at the Asa Waters Mansion, 123 Elm Street. All recipients must demonstrate their need by showing documentation of their participation in any of the following programs: Food Stamps, AFDC, Welfare, SSI, Medicaid, Head Start, Fuel Assistance, WIC, Veteran's Aid, or unemployment.

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Finance Committee Considers Drastic Reductions

By Alec Belisle

There were no smiling faces as the Finance Committee discussed the Town's fiscal crisis with department heads shown above.

MILLBURY - The mood was quiet and somber on the evening of Thursday, November 16, as Finance Committee members met with approximately 35 town department heads to apprise them of the gloomy fiscal realities facing Millbury for FY 1990.

Tom Clawson, Finance Committee Chairman, distributed handouts to officials which outlined the anticipated financial status. The finance committee's grim conclusion was that all department should prepare to trim their budgets by 10.5% for FY 1990.

Clawson explained the basis for the committee's conclusion. Their predictions were predicated upon a projected total revenue of $12,719,220 to be appropriated for FY 1990. The fixed costs for FY 1990, which totalled $2,608,000, were subtracted from the $12M + figure leaving $10,111,220 subject to reductions by town departments. (The fixed costs included: $87,000 - Veteran's Benefits, $300,000 - Compulsory Insurance, $912,000 - Health & Accident Insurance, $405,000 - Retirement of Town Debt, $411,000 - Interest on long & short term borrowing, $290,000 - School programs with other systems, and $203,000 - Blackstone Valley Regional.)

According to Clawson, the town could only expect $539,788 in increased revenues offset by $1,290,000 in increased expenditures, leaving the town $750,212 short for FY 1990. This figure divided by $10,111,220 amounted to a shortfall of 7.4% which, when added to a 3.1% "allowance for further fixed cost increases and/or decreases in Local Aid," resulted in the projected 10.5% total budgetary decrease. Clawson stressed that the 10.5% cut "in each and every budget" was the minimal cut that would be needed. The 7.4% budget decrease represented a level funding figure and no further increases in fixed costs. The 3.1% figure includes $300,000 in state aid. Clawson explained that if state aid is cut further, this percentage decrease will go up.

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The low rate is fixed for 30 years, and the money is expected to benefit more than 400 households. About $28 million of the total is reserved for MHFA's General Lending Program. For the first 90 days of the program, 50% of these funds will be set aside for "priority borrowers" who are Vietnam Era Veterans, low-income, minority, or physically disabled people. The balance of the General Lending funds is available on a first-come, first-served basis to borrowers who meet the Agency's general eligibility guidelines, including income, credit, and home acquisition cost requirements.

Another $6 million is reserved for the Neighborhood Rehabilitation Program while $4 million more is reserved for the new Construction Program.

"Since 1979," Houston said, "through the use of this federal program, MHFA has funded mortgages for more than 20,000 low and moderate income households across the state. I encourage all qualified first-time homebuyers to take advantage of this important resource."

Additional mortgage funds are available for qualified borrowers looking to purchase a unit through the Commonwealth's Homeownership Opportunity Program (HOP), which is jointly administered with EOCD and the Massachusetts Housing Partnership. HOP provides low-interest mortgages (as low as 5 1/2% for the initial years of the mortgage) and homes at prices well below market rates.

Residents of Millbury, Sutton, Grafton, Hopedale, Hopkinton, Leicester, Northboro, Upton, Westboro and Worcester (Wards 5-8) can call Houston's district office for more information on the programs at 508-792-6202.

For brochures about the Agency's various programs, consumers should call MHFA's Office of Single Family Programs at 617-451-2766.

Women's Bowling League

The High Triple, a 331, was rolled by Pat Gaspar, strings of 118-88-125. Ann Coons rolled Second High, a 314, with strings of 107-113-94. Third High, a 312, was rolled by Gail Higginbottom with strings of 100-94-118. Pat Gaspar also rolled the High Single with her 125.

Rolling "100 and Over" were: Pat Gaspar, 125-118; Gail Higginbottom, 118-100; Ann Coons, 113-107; Becky Rushton, 116; Kathy Marble, 106; Marge McArdle, 102; Bridget Grenier, 100; and Charlotte Gabree, 100.

The league has four weeks to go to the end of its first half, and the standings below show that the winner is too close to call.

Team Standings	Won	Lost
Dynasty	49	39
Different Strokes	47	41
Wiseguys	46	42
Cheers	45	43
High Rollers	39	49
M.A.S.H.	38	50

High Average
Pat Gaspar - 102.5
Charlotte Gabree - 98.4
Gail Higginbottom - 95.2

High Triple
Charlotte Gabree - 355
Pat Gaspar - 331
Becky Rushton - 320

High Single
Charlotte Gabree - 132
Pat Gaspar - 131
Irma Healy - 126

Top Ten Bowlers
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Charlotte Gabree - 98.4
Gail Higginbottom - 95.2
Becky Rushton - 94.7
Ann Coons - 94.4
Kathy Marble - 93.8
Mary Jo Boire - 91.7
Ellen Bouvier - 91.2
Marge McArdle - 90.6
Debby Boire - 90.3

Sutton Historical Society

SUTTON - The Sutton Historical Society's annual Christmas auction will be held on Tuesday, December 5, at 8:00 p.m. at the General Rufus Putnam Hall in Sutton Center.

Articles suitable for Christmas shopping, holiday decorations, wrappings, or greens for making wreaths, would be appreciated.

Refreshments will be served, and the public is welcome to attend.

Kollios Objects to Proposed Toll Increase

MILLBURY - Representative Paul Kollios (D-Millbury) offered testimony at a recent Massachusetts Turnpike Authority hearing held at Millbury High School for the purpose of presenting a critical needs study which contained a toll increase.

Kollios, who opposed the proposed 30% hike in tolls, reminded turnpike officials about a non-binding referendum question that passed by a 2-1 margin last November which called for the elimination of tolls. He also cited increased borrowing in 1986 for capital improvements, increases in ridership and the present replacement reserve of $35 million annually as a means for funding the critical needs program presented by turnpike officials.

In his testimony, Kollios said, "Motorists costs are just too excessive in Massachusetts, with the recent increase in Registry fees, gas prices and proposed gas taxes. A toll increase of 30% on average, in my opinion, is not justified at this time."

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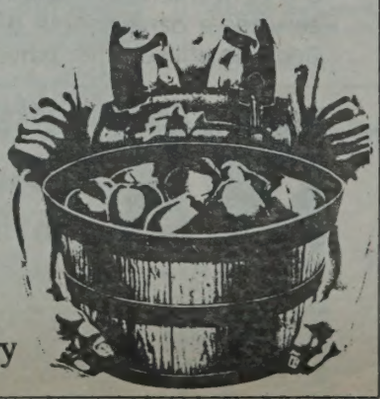

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Building Inspector Rene Morin said, "I think you're going to have a lot of resignations; I've already been told that. I don't have a lot of fat (in my budget), so I don't know. It's got to be salaries."

Clawson agreed, stating that some departments are labor intensive. "Most of their budgets are salaries," he said. "I've got to stress to you that this is something we (the finance committee) don't want to do; it's something we have to do. If we don't have the funding, we can't fund the budget. (The 10.5% budget decrease) those are the best numbers we have right now, and we have to let you know that early enough so that you guys can prepare for it."

Jude Cristo, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, maintained that the finance committee was painting "a worst case scenario" based on level funding with the same amount of state aid and no further increases in fixed costs. He stated that looking from a more optimistic point of view, it is possible that the economy could recover, freeing up funds which the state could return to the communities.

Clawson agreed, but added that it is better to apprise the departments of potential cuts now, and let them prepare for them. If monies become available, he said, the committee would be happy to return them to the departments.

Clawson explained that the town faces "drastic reductions in everybody's budget." He gave as an illustration the following: the police department's budget is $860,000 which means a reduction of $86,000; the school department's budget is $6,700,000 which means a reduction of $670,000; the fire department's budget is $150,000 which means a $15,000 cut.

In preparing for layoffs, Clawson cautioned department heads that unemployment compensation costs will rise sharply if layoffs occur and that department heads must also factor that cost into their budget cuts. The formula which department heads have to consider is that "for every three people laid off, you will have to lay off a fourth to allow for unemployment compensation," he said.

Building Inspector Rene Morin and James Dwinell, Acting Chairman of the Board of Health, suggested raising user fees. Morin said that Millbury lagged far behind other towns in fees. "Worcester charges $10 per $1,000 in construction costs. In Millbury," he said, "it's only $3 per $1,000." Morin also noted that for FY '88 his department brought in over $48,000.

Dwinell added that his board was considering increasing fees for the use of the transfer station and commercial haulers.

Cristo cautioned that increasing fees should be studied as a contingency plan. "I don't want to raise fees if we don't have a problem," he said.

Anna Lewandowski, Chairwoman of the Planning Board, disagreed, arguing that Millbury should bring its fee schedule up to that of other communities.

Other considerations to minimize the loss of jobs were having town employees work a four day week rather than lay off personnel and discontinue services which can be eliminated because the town can no longer afford them.

Clawson remarked that it was the intent of the committee to have a common ground for all department cuts in order to avoid a free-for-all on the town floor, though, he added, that some departments might be cut more than 10.5% and some less.

With respect to considering an override of Proposition 2 1/2, Clawson stated, "I haven't talked to one person who would vote for it. I think people would rather cut the budget than go for an override."

Clawson remarked that departments have to start preparing now as hearings on 1990 budgets will be beginning in January in order for final budget recommendations to be prepared for the town meeting.

Budget Woes Face School Department

By Edward J. Cooney

MILLBURY - The Finance Committee met on Monday, November 13, to discuss expected budgets decreases because of reductions in state aid. The Town Auditor, Town Treasurer, and the Assessors were also present.

Figures developed for the meeting showed a total appropriated for 1990 budgets at $12,719,200. The total 1990 appropriation subject to reductions amounts to $10,111,220. As proposed, a request for a minimum cut of 5.9% was projected with 2.1% allowed for further fixed costs and/or decreases in local aid with a proposed total budgetary decrease of 8% for cuts in all town department budgets.

Town Treasurer Dave Cofske said that salaries were all up this year, which adds to budget increases. He asked who gets what if the 8% proposed cuts go across all department budgets.

Finance Committee Chairman Tom Clawson said that his committee would decide on the needs of each department. He suggested that the 8% was a minimum and some departments may end up cutting 10%. "The 8% is for discussion before we meet with the School Committee later on tonight," Clawson said.

Assessor Harold Ostrowski asked if layoffs would be necessary. "Yes, possibly," Clawson replied. It was also noted that the union would have to be involved as contracts have been signed.

Clawson looked through several department budgets, noting that the Treasurer's office could have a cut of $7,000, the Police Department $68,000, the Highway Department $41,000, and the School Department approximately $500,000.

"How do we go about it," Cofske asked. "The Selectmen are in the middle. How will girls be shared? Who coordinates all this? Cutting people is not our area."

When Clawson suggested that the Town Hall may have to close on Fridays, Ostrowski noted that some individuals may not want to work a four-day week. He then recommended that the selectmen be apprised of the situation early on since they will be responsible for most of the coordination.

Cofske suggested that if any positions open up they not be filled.

Clawson then asked, "Is 8% enough, remembering what 8% is going to do?"

Motions for 8% and 10% cuts were defeated as no majority vote was attained. Clawson asked for a motion of 9% as a compromise, which was approved. He noted that the 9% cut proposal was a minimum and said department heads should be made aware of that. "We may be talking five police and nine teachers," Clawson said. "It's something I don't want to think about, but we have to address it."

At 8:00 p.m. the Finance Committee met with the School Committee and Superintendent Dr. Alfred Sylvia. Clawson opened up the discussion by explaining that meetings held over the past two weeks focused on trying to develop some sort of plan to help departments prepare for budget cuts.

"We called on you (school department) first because you have the largest budget," Clawson said. He went on to note that decreases may not be across the board. "We do not want to single out the school department and the police department. Basically, each department is expected to make the 9% cut," he said.

Clawson reviewed the figures prepared by the assessors with the school committee, noting decreases and estimated receipts.

"We are faced with tremendous cuts," Clawson said. "Hopefully in 1993 the state will be in a better financial situation."

School Committee Chairman Chet Hanratty told Clawson that the town's figures and the school committee's figures were off a "little bit." Hanratty gave Clawson an update of the school department's figures, which Hanratty said did not include upcoming negotiations with principals.

Clawson remarked that the difference was off a lot. He then noted that the new salary figures would throw out the 9% cut agreed upon earlier. "The 9% will have to be reassessed," he said.

Hanratty remarked that a 9% cut would mean $500,000 and a 10-11% cut, $600-$700,000. "That could be a 40 teacher cut," he said.

"It is devastating," Clawson replied. "Look at the police department. An $86,000 cut could mean 5 or six patrolmen. I don't know how else to say it. We don't have money. We will have to settle the final percentage as a minimum, not a maximum."

Hanratty said that under Proposition 2 1/2, for every two teachers let go, a 3rd has to be cut to

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Moore Votes to Cut State Budget

UXBRIDGE - The Massachusetts House of Representatives' $368 million deficit reduction package calls for spending cuts, higher fees, tighter controls on state authorities and some agency consolidations. It also cuts the Legislature's own accounts by 11% and makes some changes in the operation of state government, according to Rep. Richard T. Moore (D-Uxbridge), a member of the House Ways and Means Committee.

"The deficit reduction package represents a good first step toward solving our $721-million projected deficit, but more cuts will be needed if we are to avoid major new taxes," Moore said.

When the bill passed recently, House Speaker George Keverian (D-Everett) said that new taxes are inevitable. He is expected to propose an $855 million tax increase including higher alcohol, cigarette, gas, sales and capital gains taxes. The increase would also allow restoration of some services that were previously cut.

Moore said he believed it was too early to talk about restoring programs as part of a tax package. "People feel state government is too big - bloated," he said, "They wanted to see cuts, not new taxes." Moore said that the declining economy could require new taxes just to hold the line on basic services for the elderly, disabled, and youth, but not to restore programs that people felt were wasteful or of debatable merit. "I also have serious reservations about increasing taxes when the economy is in such a slump," he said.

Under the House deficit reduction bill, most agencies would see 5% cuts in their administrative budgets. All of the proposed savings initiatives still require the approval of the Senate and Governor Dukakis to become law.

The largest single initiative in the bill is a proposal to trim the $2 billion Medicaid budget by what House leaders said would amount to $37.7 million (the Mass Taxpayers Foundation believes the savings could only amount to $12.1 million) primarily by allowing the Department of Public Welfare to set the rates it pays to firms providing services to its clients. The Rate Setting Commission, an independent agency, currently sets the rates.

Moore supported an amendment endorsed by area hospitals and nursing homes to leave the responsibility with the Rate Setting Commission, arguing that the Welfare Department has an even worse track record for saving money.

Another feature of the deficit reduction plan, which Moore did support, also would save $29-million this year by putting a cap on a program that provides emergency aid to welfare recipients so they can avoid evictions and utility cutoffs. Certain welfare benefits to illegal aliens were ended for a savings of $1 million.

The plan also hikes college tuition payments for out-of-state students, raising $9 million, and forces higher student fees at Massachusetts universities by requiring college trust funds to pick up $22 million in costs currently assumed by the state.

State, Capitol, Metropolitan, and Registry of Motor Vehicles police were consolidated under the Department of Public Safety. A plan to merge Massachusetts Maritime Academy and Southeastern Massachusetts University was shelved.

The House also voted to give the Legislature control over authority budgets, demanded repayment of $19 million in start-up loans, and had the Massachusetts Industrial Finance Agency pick up the $170,000 cost of a business development program.

Authority officials have insisted the legislative control of their budgets would hurt their bond ratings. Dukakis has indicated he will side with the authorities and veto the oversight language.

A proposal to allow retail stores to open on certain holidays, and any time they want on Sundays, was shelved, but permission was given for liquor stores to open on Sundays.

A proposal to allow betting on professional sports was amended to allow betting only professional football, and only on teams from outside Massachusetts.

In action on some of the more than 300 amendments that were offered and debated during the two-seek session, Moore supported efforts to return control of fees to the Legislature and limiting fees to the amount which the service costs. The Dukakis Administration has raised various state fees by over $400 million in the past year. Moore voted in favor of limiting fees.

Moore also favored a Medicaid amendment which reflected what was an agreement with the Welfare Department not to place liens on the homes of elderly medicaid residents forced to enter nursing homes in return for better reporting on attempts to forestall eventual reimbursement of nursing home costs by transferring those properties to relatives. The amendment was adopted on an unchallenged voice vote.

During earlier phases of the debate, Moore voted for amendments to halt construction of a medium security state prison in New Braintree, and blocked a planned closing of the state's Rutland Heights Hospital and Regional Educational Center in West Boylston.

District Office Hours

BOSTON - Representative Richard T. Moore (D-Uxbridge) has announced the following office hours for the months of December, January, and February: DECEMBER 7, for residents of Uxbridge, and Millville, 7:30-9:00 p.m. at the Uxbridge Town Hall; DECEMBER 12, for residents of Webster, 7:30-9:00 p.m. at the Webster Town Hall; DECEMBER 14, for residents of Douglas and Sutton, 7:30-9:00 p.m. at the Manchaug Library; JANUARY 9, for residents of Webster, 7:30-9:00 p.m. at the Webster Town Hall; JANUARY 11, for residents of Uxbridge, and Millville, 7:30-9:00 p.m. at the Millville Town Hall; JANUARY 18, for residents of Douglas and Sutton, 7:30-9:00 p.m. at the Douglas Town Hall; FEBRUARY 8, for residents of Uxbridge, and Millville, 7:30-9:00 p.m. at the Uxbridge Town Hall; FEBRUARY 13, for residents of Webster, 7:30-9:00 p.m. at the Webster Town Hall; FEBRUARY 15, for residents of Douglas and Sutton, 7:30-9:00 p.m. at the Manchaug Library;

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Youth Commission would have lights installed on the front of the building. "They will pay for it and the cost of the electricity will come out of the budget," Chase said.

Donnelly said he had occasion to walk by the center on a recent evening and observed a number of youths sitting outside. "We should light up the front because there are things going on in the front yard that we should know about," he said.

"Once we get lights up there, there won't be anything going on in the front," Cristo remarked.

Senior Assistant Assessor

The board unanimously approved a motion for a Senior Assistant Assessor's Position with a salary range from $25-$30,000. They also voted a salary of $27,500 for the position.

Dog Officer

A discussion developed on the salary for the Dog Officer. "There are numbers all over the place," Personnel Board Chairman Craig Coppola said. "We see numbers of $4 an hour, we see numbers of $5 a call, we see people being paid $22-$25,000 a year. Currently he's (Dog Officer George Royal) being paid $7 per hour for the number of hours worked."

"What did he get for a raise," Cristo asked. "six percent?"

"Yes, six or five percent," Coppola replied.

Chase said he would like to evaluate the job description.

"We can evaluate the position and find out if it should be worth more," Coppola said. He also explained that the Town of Northbridge has an annual contract for the incumbent dog officer.

"There are a lot of variables to consider," Lachance said. "Are we always going to have an assistant dog officer?"

Lachance then asked what happened to the money the town appropriated for a dog kennel. Selectman Gerry Bleau replied that it was turned back to the town. Chase added that the money was used to fund the HVAC system.

Ambulance Committee

Cristo noted that board members were in possession of two reports presented by ambulance committees to the selectmen over the last 10-12 years. "Mr. Bird was looking for us to set up a third ambulance study committee," Cristo said.

"My recommendation to another town," Chase said, "would be our system."

"Why does it seem that every time there's a call (for an ambulance) a vehicle has to come from Worcester?" Lachance asked. He then instructed Chase to obtain information on the number of towns Himmer Ambulance services and the number and type of vehicles they have.

Drainlayer's License

On Chase's recommendation, the board postponed action on an application from Richard F. McCarthy for a Drainlayer's License. Chase said the sewer department is checking further on the insurance.

Lachance asked Chase to provide the board with a list of all drainlayers that are licensed in Town and the amount of insurance that they carry.

"They all carry the insurance that we require," Chase replied.

Correspondence

Letters from Millbury Police Sergeant Edward Perry and Fire Chief Tom Nault generated a discussion on the rerouting of truck traffic through the center of town due to the posting of weight limits signs by the State DPW on the Rte. 146/West Main Street Bridge. The bridge is posted for 36 tons.

Perry noted in his letter that he recently observed an increase in the number of vehicles on downtown Millbury streets displaying placards which indicate a cargo of hazardous materials.

"On November 15, 1989 at 2:00 p.m.," Perry stated, "I stopped two tanker trailer units that got off State Route 146 and proceeded to Gowan bridge to Elm Street. Both vehicles displayed placards #1993 which indicated combustible liquid." Perry said the shipping papers for each vehicle indicated that they were carrying in excess of 42 tons. "Clearly at one point at least 84 tons was transported over Gowan bridge as the two trucks proceeded one after another.

"On November 16, 1989 at approximately 10:00 a.m.," the letter continued, "I again made two observations within minutes of each other that involved hazardous materials."

Perry said his concerns center on "what Gowan bridge can handle for cargo loads and what public safety officials in Millbury will do or can do in the event of a hazardous material accident in downtown Millbury."

Fire Chief Nault's letter was a response to that written by Perry. "In many communities," Nault said, "truck traffic carrying these kinds of dangerous cargos are re-routed to travel less densely populated areas in the event of an accident. But in this case, the exact opposite is true."

Nault said this situation "should not be tolerated by the community." He asked the selectmen to take every available action to reverse the procedure of diverting truck traffic through the center of town.

Lachance noted that the board discussed having truck traffic turn off at Boston Road. "Why don't we insist upon it," he asked.

"I have written to the DPW," Chase said, "so far there hasn't been a response."

"How do we go about telling these tankers 'Don't come into Millbury center, get off at Boston Road," Lachance said.

"That's the issue I pursued with the chief engineer, to establish an alternate route," Chase responded.

"How far did you get with him," Lachance asked.

"I didn't get anywhere," Chase replied. "All they did was change the load limit."

"That's the mentality of this state," Lachance remarked. "We're seeking an alternate route to keep them out of the center of town and they change the weight factor, and still it's not enough."

"The bottom line is," Cristo said, "the bridge has got to be fixed. You can only post it for what it can handle."

Lachance then asked if anyone knew the legal weight limit for the Gowan Bridge. He was told that any legal weight is allowed because the bridge is not posted.

"Tell them it's not safe for the tankers, period," Lachance said.

Donnelly then explained that the concrete barrier on the outer beams of the Rte. 146 bridge has to be removed. "If they take that off then you can raise the limits," he said.

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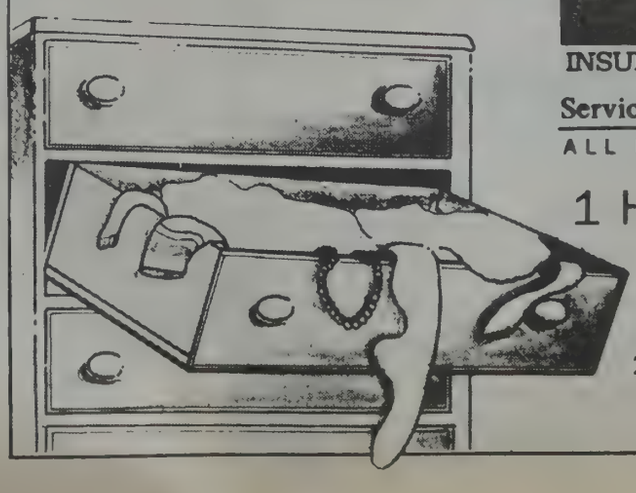

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In April 1988, the Day Reporting Center, now known as COAP (Correctional Opportunity Advancement Program), was set up. Twenty-eight to 36 men are in that program now, with an increase expected.

Before being eligible for Work Release or COAP, short term offenders do Community Service, under supervision, for cities and towns in Worcester County. Maintenance, cleaning, painting and repairs at the jail are done by inmates. The program is enhanced by tradesmen and skilled people now being sentenced for Driving Under the Influence.

The jail has been reorganized since Mike Flynn became Sheriff. Working with the union, policies have been instituted on hiring, promotion, suicide prevention, standards of conduct, disturbance response and annual evaluations. The most recent promotion to Captain under the promotion policy was earned by a supporter of Mike Flynn's opponent in the last election.

A more rigorous training program was instituted requiring 40 hours of in-service training each year for each correction officer. No one is appointed a permanent correction officer unless he has completed a Department of Correction Training Program under the auspices of the Criminal Justice Training Council. This training is equivalent to that required to be a Police Officer. A Special Services Unit investigates internal affairs relating to inmates and staff.

The jail was first in New England to set up, two years ago, an AIDS program for inmates and staff. Kits, advice, consultation and voluntary testing are offered. The program is recognized as the best in New England.

A school program in conjunction with Quinsigamond Community College is utilized by over 70% of the inmates 17-30 years old. Twelve computer stations are hooked up to Quinsigamond Community College and instructors visit the jail twice a month for personal consultation. Less formal training is offered in carpentry, food preparation, typing and printing.

A beef cattle and truck farm provides work opportunity for inmates and food for the jail, where 2,500 meals a day are served.

Under Sheriff Flynn, any inmate who chooses has a chance to come out better prepared to be a contributing member of the community. That's the legacy Mike Flynn would like to leave. That place on the hill is called the House of Correction, and Mike is trying to make it live up to its name.

There's much more that can be said. It's too bad that the Telegram & Gazette investigative reporters took the easy way to excite readers. And nothing will change.

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How about a series on that, Mr. Botty?

As far as the jail is concerned, any group of five to twenty-five people can request a tour. DO IT! You'll be pleasantly surprised, and you'll be pretty darn glad that Mike Flynn is Sheriff.

We see what we want to see, don't we? Beauty, and Ugliness, is certainly in the eye of the beholder.

The opinions expressed in "Another Point of View" are strictly those of Mr. Moore and do not necessarily reflect the views of this newspaper.

UMass Submits Proposal to Aid Development of Camp Marion

By Terry Barnicle

SUTTON - At the November 21 Selectmen's meeting, board members listened to Town Administrator Dexter Blois present a draft of a proposed agreement between the Town of Sutton and the University of Massachusetts Department of Landscape Architecture and Regional Planning (LA/RP).

Under the agreement proposed by LA/RP, UMass would provide a minimum of three students from the LA/RP Master's Degree program to work with the Marion's Camp Oversight Committee to develop a Use Plan which would include building rehabilitation and site improvements such as ball fields, nature trials and shoreline uses. The students would also assist in developing a Town park site plan.

Each student would devote 120 hours per week, from February 1990 to May 1990 to the project. They would be supervised in the endeavor twice a week by a faculty member.

The students would also make a presentation to the Oversight Committee, to the Annual Spring Town Meeting, and to other public hearings if necessary.

The agreement would give the students valuable experience in their chosen field while providing the town with expertise at a minimal cost. The total cost would be $1,400, mainly to cover expenses such as travel.

Board members took the proposal under advisement.

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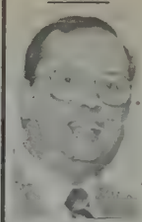
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pay for unemployment for other teacher cuts. Clawson agreed that that was a consideration.

"We will be killed," Sylvia said. "Twenty, now we're talking 30."

Clawson asked if anyone could see any way of increasing the bottom line. Hanratty suggested the possibility of an override.

Clawson also inquired if any school department employees were planning on retiring. Sylvia replied that only two or three retirements were possible. "Early retirement seems not possible as the average age of the staff is in the 50 year range," he said.

Clawson then asked about use of revolving funds in the school department such as the nursery school and cafeteria accounts. Sylvia said that they are close to making ends meet in both accounts. "There are not a lot of ways to cut. Maybe we could charge fees for playing sports," he said.

"To keep sports, you may have to do that," Clawson said.

Hanratty remarked that the sport's budget always passes at Town meetings. "You can cut about anything but that," he said.

Clawson then said, "We as a committee have to rethink the 9% cut."

School Committee member Ed Wilczynski suggested the possibility of seeking emergency legislation for an exclusion for the transfer station and the landfill cap interest and debt. "It is not allowed now," he said. "Maybe the state could go along with that as it will not hurt the state."

"It could be something the state could do and might be happy to do," Clawson said.

Clawson then remarked that it looked like there was a need for a 10-10.5% range. He asked for a motion from the finance committee to rescind the previous proposal that 9% be cut. The motion was approved. A motion for a 10.5% cut as a minimum was approved unanimously. "It's better to know it now," Clawson said.

Hanratty then remarked that the only way the school budget could be cut was in salaries since they make up 90% of the school budget. "I can't see the schools losing 30 teachers," he said. "We may come back and see about an override."

Clawson asked if there was a possibility the teachers would take a pay cut. Hanratty explained that there are two years remaining on the teachers contract. "We tried that at one time before," he said, "and it didn't work."

Hanratty concluded the discussion by remarking that the school committee was expecting something like this to happen. "We read the papers," he said.

Merchant Marines Honored on Veteran's Day

BOSTON - Merchant Marine veterans of World War II participated in their first Veteran's Day ceremony at the Massachusetts State House, less than one year after officially being recognized as veterans of war.

Retired Merchant Marine Captain George Duffy (front row, 2nd from right), who was only recently presented with his Prisoner of War medal, spoke about the Merchant Marines who were killed in action during World War II.

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Massachusetts General Laws (MGL), Chapter 90, Section 7B. "They will eventually," Pierce replied. "We only have two bus drivers that are employed by the school and they are both licensed."

MGL Chapter 90 Section 7B also states that "In case of an emergency" a school bus may, for a period not to exceed three consecutive days, be operated by any person age 21 or over who is duly licensed by the registrar to operate a motor vehicle.

Richards expressed grave concerns with that portion of the law that allows the use of unlicensed school bus drivers on an emergency basis. "The way the system is," he said, "they (individuals not in possession of a school bus driver's license) can drive three days on a regular license without having a school bus license. They can drive three days, skip one, drive three. A bus contractor can hire an individual for three days without a school bus license, let them go for a day and then bring them back on. That's within the law," he said. "But," Richards added, "the school department shouldn't allow it."

Richard Moulison, Director of Driver Licensing for the Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles, while acknowledging that he was unsure how widespread the practice described by Richards is throughout the state, did say, "I know that it should not be happening. An emergency is something exactly as the word implies, something that is not planned and is unpredictable. That's the only time that you can use a person in the so-called three-day emergency clause. If somebody is scheduling people, that certainly does not constitute an emergency; that's an obvious violation."

Pierce defended the occasional use of unlicensed school bus drivers. "Right now we consider it an emergency because he (Lola) doesn't have enough drivers," she said. "Otherwise we would not have buses to cover the town. Through the summer he had a full complement of drivers and then lost several key drivers at the last minute. So that did present a problem for us. It is fairly common to do this among school systems," she added.

Richards said the school department should make sure that all drivers have a valid school bus driver's license before they are hired. "That eliminates a lot of problems," he said. "They don't do that right now but they have a right to that information. As far as I'm concerned, a person shouldn't be hired until he has a school bus license to operate a school bus."

On November 9, at approximately 7:15 a.m., a minor accident occurred between a car and a bus driven by Lola Bus employee Donald Goyette. There were no students on the bus at the time of the accident.

Pierce was asked if she was aware of the accident. "Yes," she replied, "that was not the driver's fault. Evidently he pulled up beside a car and the car pulled out and clipped the bus. According to the contractor, it was not the bus driver's fault."

After being told that the police report indicates that the bus driver was at fault, Pierce replied, "That's not the way I heard it from the contractor, but I will check into it."

Accident on North Main Street that resulted in police issuing citations to both the bus driver and Lola Bus.

According to the accident report filed by Officer Richard O'Brien, "Vehicle 1, in this situation Richard P. Johnson Jr., had pulled to the curb, traveling south on Main Street. Vehicle 2, for the purpose of this accident, Donald A. Goyette, of Upland Gardens, Worcester, was driving a school bus owned by John Lola of Millbury. Vehicle 1 pulled to the side of the road to pick up a friend for school. Vehicle 2, the school bus, went into a skid on the wet road leaving 100 feet of skid marks. Vehicle 2 struck vehicle 1."

O'Brien's report continues, "Further investigation indicates that the school bus driver, who was inexperienced, was operating the school bus on his fourth day which was a violation. He only had a Class I License and did not possess a school bus license. Inexperience was also part of the cause of the accident."

When Moulison was told of the circumstances surrounding the accident, his only comment was a sarcastic, "Wonderful!"

According to Sergeant Donald DeSorcy, citations were issued to Goyette by Safety Officer Ronald Richards. Goyette received his citation for operating a school bus without a school bus license. Lola was issued a citation for allowing an improper person to operate a vehicle, in this case, a school bus.

Stokowski also noted that Lola should have an obligation to provide the school department with any changes in manpower as well. "Prior to the change, it should be submitted to the school department. I think there was a lack in that" he said, "He wasn't keeping the school department abreast of that. But, in fairness to him, did the School department mandate that? I don't believe they did."

Stokowski noted that the school department has the right to establish a policy with the contractor which would disallow the use of the three day on, one day off practice. "But I'd be willing to wager that it hasn't been done," he said.

When asked if the school department would consider adopting such a policy, Sylvia replied, "We have to have the kids taken home from school. If he gets someone out sick then he's got to get someone in as a sub."

Sylvia continued, ""But I want anyone who comes in to drive a bus to be properly orientated to what their responsible for and to be someone that's of suitable moral character to be able to relate to young people in a very positive and wholesome way. I do not want anyone driving a bus that isn't of good character and has proper credentials that will possibly get them their license within that period of time. There isn't a school system around that doesn't have people out sick at times and people that sub."

Sergeant DeSorcy told the Chronicle that the Police Department is considering proposing legislation to eliminate the three day clause. "There is going to be some proposed legislation changes in reference to Chapter 90 7B," DeSorcy said. "We're going to propose that under no circumstances, unless a subject possesses a school bus driver's license, that they operate a school bus. It doesn't make any sense whatsoever as far as we're concerned."

Sylvia maintained that the hiring of unlicensed bus drivers as substitutes is widespread. "When you have drivers that are out at times, you have to have someone take over or else you run a double run or the kids are waiting around and they're not going to get home. It creates a big problem situation if you don't have a way that a substitute could be used," he said.

Moulison also conceded that accommodations have to be made for bus companies. "Certainly there are times when somebody comes down with the flu or breaks a leg, and we certainly don't want kids standing out on the street with the bus not showing up or kids not being able to get home. So in order to address that, the legislature put in this little program here (the three day emergency clause) which allows a person with a Class I or Class II license to operate a school bus for a three day emergency. We're assuming that companies will take on a little bit of responsibility here and have some knowledge of who these people are. That's the purpose of the three-day emergency clause. It is for three day emergencies. It should not be used other than that.

"The issue is this, however" Moulison continued, "how frequently is this happening. And if it is happening frequently, maybe we should look at getting another person licensed as a backup driver. There are liability issues here that fall upon the company. If something goes wrong, then the company is responsible."

Pierce explained that the school department was aware at the beginning of the year that Lola might have a problem getting properly licensed drivers. "He's aware of the three day rule and we've kept after him to make sure that those people get their license as soon as possible," she said.

Sylvia defended Lola, who has been working for the school department for almost 20 years. "He's done a lot of good things for us over the years," Sylvia said. "Certainly if anything happens that is not appropriate, my responsibility is to make that known to him and make the committee aware of the problem as well. Every time that I've asked Mr. Lola to deal with a situation that I've brought to his attention, he's complied with the request. He's never been anything but cooperative in dealing with a situation that needs to be corrected."

It was also noted in the interview with Officer Richards that the police department has been advised by the Criminal Histories System that they can no longer request records checks on bus drivers unless a criminal investigation is under way. "I didn't like it (the ruling)," Richards said, "because they're dealing with our children. I felt as though this is not being handled in the proper channels. If we did it, at least I'd know it was being done."

Prior to the ruling, Richards did run checks on the bus drivers. "If somebody came back with an excessive record," Richards explained, "and I felt he shouldn't have been a bus driver, I wrote a letter to Sue Pierce, expressing who the person was. I wouldn't express the record I received back, but I would state in the letter that in my opinion, as the safety officer, that he is not a good candidate to be a bus driver."

While the Police Department is no longer able to request records checks on bus drivers, the school department is authorized to do so. "Whether the school department gets back to us for our help or makes us aware of any problems, that's up to the school department," Stokowski said.

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Lachance made a motion that the police department be instructed to reroute any tankers off the Gowan Bridge since there are no legal weights posted on the bridge. "How do we know what's the legal limit for this bridge? How safe is the bridge (Gowan)," he asked. "Until we establish the weight factor on Gowan Bridge, I don't think there should be any trucks over 80,000 pounds going over that bridge."

"If it isn't posted, doesn't that mean it can handle an unlimited load," Cristo asked.

"Any load that is legal to go over the roads of Massachusetts can go over that bridge," Chase replied.

"That's why it isn't posted?" Cristo asked.

"Right," Chase replied.

"If there was a problem with the bridge, they'd post it," Donnelly said.

Lachance said he would withdraw his motion, but added, "I still want to get in writing from the state what is the legal capacity of the (Gowan) bridge."

From My Window on Farnsworth Court

By "Pastor Rae" Cameron

Today I look out from my window on the beautiful scene of snow covered fields caused by our 1989 Thanksgiving snowstorm. We had a wonderful Thanksgiving Eve Ecumenical Service at St. Brigid's and our thanks to all who participated and attended, but especially to Father Laurence who put together a marvelous service.

After our green leaves turned into the gorgeous colors of Fall and then fell on our lawns, things looked rather drab. Now the snow has brightened up our world once again and the arrival of Christmas decorations adds to that brightness.

From now until Christmas, the days will be shorter and the nights longer. It can be a very depressing time of the year, and you can even buy special lights which address this problem physically. The reason we celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ at this time is to be reminded that He is the Light of the World that overcomes the darkness.

Allow me once again to quote from Saint Augustine who said that it is better to light one little candle than to curse the darkness. Brighten up your own world by accepting the Lord Jesus into your dark world, and then share that light with others. "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glory your heavenly Father." Amen.

Students Attend Conference

SUTTON - On November 15, the Sutton High School Student Council attended the CDMASC (Central District Massachusetts Association of Student Councils) fall conference at Northbridge High School.

The conference featured speakers Richard Crockford, a renowned motivational speaker, and Lieutenant Governor Evelyn Murphy as the keynote speaker. In addition, the conference sponsored workshops for the council members as well as an advisor's workshop for their advisor.

Members who attended this year's conference were: Kurt Martin, Tara Willette, Cynthia Bazin, Jayna Morello, Weston Moran, Jason Perry, Kristen Levins, Kenneth Stockhaus, Kara Houlihan, Brandon Kibbe, Craig Giguere, and Nicole Gravison. The students were accompanied by their advisor, David Muradian.

Valley Lawmakers Reject Proposal for Unclaimed Bottle Deposits

BOSTON - The majority of legislators who serve Blackstone Valley and Milford area towns joined with a majority of their House colleagues recently to reject a proposal that they maintain would have been "nothing more than a hidden tax on consumers." State Representatives Richard T. Moore (D-Uxbridge), Marie J. Parente (D-Milford), and Daniel J. Ranieri (D-Bellingham) were part of a bipartisan coalition that opposed a proposal of Governor Michael Dukakis and the House Democratic leadership to allow the state to take so-called "unclaimed" bottle deposits.

The bottle bill escheats (unredeemed bottle and can deposits retroactive to July 1, 1988) were part of the House budget cutting legislation which was debated during marathon legislative sessions over the past two weeks. The area lawmakers, in a joint release, said that the proposal to collect bottle bill escheats was merely an attempt to balance the state budget with "smoke and mirrors," would "saddle consumers with a hidden tax," and "could result in fewer manufacturing jobs." They added that they were also concerned about possible adverse affects on companies such as Milford's Foster-Forbes.

Moore, Parente, and Ranieri said that both Suffolk Superior Court and the U.S. Tax Court have ruled that the unredeemed bottle and can deposits are the property of bottlers and wholesalers and are subject to tax. Money that is considered income and which has been taxed cannot legally be confiscated by the state, they said. Moore, a former House Chairman of the Taxation Committee, argued that even if the proposal had passed, it would not have helped solve the current state fiscal crisis because bottlers would take the issue to court, and the matter would be tied up for years.

Parente explained that since unredeemed bottle and can deposits have always been used to pay for the costs of recycling, as intended when the Bottle Bill originally passed, beer wholesalers and soft drink bottlers would be forced to raise their prices if the escheat proposal was approved. She said that one of the bottle bills strongest advocates, MASSPIRG, when it urged passage of the original bill, stated in a memo in 1981 that the unclaimed deposits should be retained by the bottlers to help pay for the recycling costs.

Ranieri added, "Many of us had serious questions regarding the legality and propriety of confiscating money already taxed, or bankrolling programs for a recycling system already in the red. It is a fantasy revenue scheme."

PUBLIC NOTICE
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The following streets and roads in the Town of Sutton have not been accepted as Public Ways. As such, according to the Massachusetts General Laws, they cannot be plowed or maintained by the Town. Notice is hereby given that the following streets will not be plowed and/or sanded until accepted by the Town:

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Receives Bushnell Award

Dr. Richard H. Nadolink, Supervisory Mechanical Engineer, and head, Weapon Technology Division, Weapon Systems Technology & Assessment Department, has been named the 1989 recipient of the American Defense Preparedness Association's (ADPA) David Bushnell Award.

The award is granted annually by the Undersea Warfare Systems Division of the ADPA to individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the defense preparedness of the United States in the field of Undersea Warfare. It's named after David Bushnell, a 1775 graduate of Yale University, undersea warfare engineer and designer of the first real submarine to actually navigate under service conditions.

The award credits Dr. Nadolink with being one of the first to recognize the ultimate importance of hydrodynamic quieting and drag reduction in the design of both submarine and companion submarine tactical weapons.

The award was presented October 10 at the fall meeting of the ADPA Undersea Warfare Systems Division which was held at Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory.

Nadolink is a former resident of Millbury and a graduate of Millbury High School. He is married to Janet Stepenovitch, also a former Millbury resident. The couple and their son, Erik, reside in Portsmouth, Rhode Island. Nadolink is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Nadolink of 47 [illegible]ple Street in Millbury.

Grafton Garden Club

GRAFTON - The Grafton Garden Club will meet on Tuesday, December 12 at 12:30 p.m. at the Congregational Church on Grafton Common. The meeting will take the form of a short business meeting and a "Kissing Ball" workshop led by Carolyn Gaudette.

All members are welcome, but if you would like to make a Kissing Ball, you must pre-register by calling Gaudette at 839-9052 by December 5th. The cost to make this decoration will be under $10. Participants are asked to bring gloves and pruners or scissors.

If you are not a member of a garden club, but are interested in joining, attend this or any other meeting. Babysitting is available.

School Lunch Menus

WEEK OF December 4-7
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WEDNESDAY: Juice, Submarine Sandwich, French Fries, Fruit
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FRIDAY: Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza, French Fries, Tossed Salad

ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOLS

MONDAY: Hot Dog on a Roll, Baked Beans, Potato Puffs, Mixed Fruit
TUESDAY: Juice, Steak Grinder or Pizza, French Fries, Pudding
WEDNESDAY: Turkey Syrian Sandwich, Lettuce & Tomato, Potato Puffs, Green Beans, Jello/Topping
THURSDAY: Juice, Sausage Patties, Pancakes/Syrup, Hash Brown Potato, Applesauce
FRIDAY: Juice, Special Cheese Sandwich, Chicken Noodle Soup, French Fries, Ice Cream

Education Amendment

BOSTON - The House of Representatives took action recently to prevent the closing of the Regional Education Center in West Boylston. Representative Paul Kollios (D-Millbury) co-sponsored the amendment which blocked the planned closing of the Center.

"The West Boylston Education Center provides invaluable services throughout Central Massachusetts and the state," Kollios said. "It is the statewide center for services to blind and visually impaired youth from the ages of three to twenty-two."

The center provides training for teachers on issues such as child abuse and aids education. In addition, the Montachusett Opportunity Council utilizes the kitchen to provide 800 hot meals a day to elderly and disabled citizens. "The most encouraging part of the amendment," Kollios said, "is that it not only preserves this important service, but it does so without increasing the money spent or the staff employed."

The amendment was passed by a vote of 100-39 on November 11, and is now before the Senate for engrossment.

Mail Early

MILLBURY - Millbury Postmaster Bruce Walberg urges everyone to mail their cards and packages early. "Also," Walberg said, "as a reminder, please no string on those packages and most importantly remember that this is our busy season, your patience will be appreciated." He also added that the post office has many gift giving ideas for holiday shoppers.

"The employees and I would like to take this time to wish each and everyone of you, our valued customers, a very Joyous and Safe Holiday," Walberg said.

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According to Sylvia, following one of the incidents mentioned above, the school department "had everybody checked out." Pierce added that there have not been any new drivers since the drivers were checked.

The Registry also carefully checks out all applicants for school bus driver's licenses. "I want you to make sure that you understand that we treat school buses differently than anything," Moulison said. "We watch the rules very carefully, we check the drivers very carefully. Licensed school bus drivers have to go through an annual physical. Then we go through what's known as a CORI check (Criminal Offenders Records Inquiry) annually, and we do that because they're dealing with small children. They have been referred to as our most precious cargo. It's something that we do not fool around with. We want the extra precautions. We want to make sure that we know who it is that's driving these vehicles."

Sylvia and Pierce were also asked if all driver related complaints are reported to the Police Department. "No," Pierce replied, "That's not necessary in my opinion, but it depends on the type of complaint."

"It depends on the gravity and the seriousness of the complaint and what the person is saying to me," Sylvia said. "If someone says something about inappropriate behavior then I would certainly involve the police."

Pierce said that of the dozen complaints received against drivers, only three of them necessitated calling the police, "In which case we did," she said. "The other things were things like 'the bus driver yells at me' or 'the bus driver won't let me sit with Johnny' or 'the bus driver won't make the kid move over so I can have a seat.' We wouldn't bother the police with that."

When asked if he would contact the police department for a complaint relating to a driver speeding, Sylvia replied, "I'd probably deal with Lola first. We heard something about a driver that was going rather fast. I think that was mentioned to one of the police officers when we were talking about it. Anything that's brought to my attention, if it isn't critically important, I tell Sue (Pierce) and she handles the problem. I only get involved with Lola when it's a serious situation and I usually see him one-on-one and talk with him."

Stokowski and Richards both said they would prefer that any complaints relating to the safety of the children be directed to the police department. "Complaints made directly to us are complaints that we have to address," Stokowski said. "We have to in turn notify the school department and tell them what the Safety officer's recommendations are. A complaint about a person, whether it be attitude, what they might be doing, what they might be saying, the questionable operation of the school bus, questionable safety, these complaints should come directly to us."

"The complaints we get, we look into," Richards said. He also said that parents should be concerned with the transportation issue. "I'm sure they are probably not aware of all the complaints that come in regarding either bus operation or bus drivers but I think they should be 100% aware of exactly what's going on and all the complaints regarding school bus activity."

Stokowski praised Richards for keeping on top of the situation. "He runs a good program. If that program crumbles, it isn't because of us. If it crumbles, it's an administrative responsibility as opposed to a police function or a police responsibility. Especially now. We did have the legal right to expose anybody's criminal record; we don't have that option any more."

Both Stokowski and Richards stressed that their comments were not an attempt to "put down" the school department. "We (the school department and the police department) have recognized that there are some problems in the transportation of students," Stokowski said. "The question now is, what are we going to do about it?"

Goretti's Planning Addition

By Alec Belisle

MILLBURY - All members of the Planning Board were present on November 13 to act on a site plan review submitted by Polyclad to construct a 40 ft. by 60 ft. addition to their present facility on Providence Road.

The addition will house a new cafeteria, relocate an existing laboratory used for quality control testing, create more office space, and provide for safer storage of acid.

The Planning Board, accompanied by concerned residents of the area, visited the site to inspect the present facilities on Wednesday, November 8.

John Innamoretti of I&I Construction had nothing to add to the presentation which he gave to the board Monday, October 30. He did say that Polyclad was not asking for a special permit or a zoning change: "All we are doing is asking for a permit to use the land as we're allowed," he said.

Planning Board Chairwoman Anna Lewandowski read a letter from Denise L. Able, Environmental Engineer with the Department of Environmental Protection, which outlined the regulations for hazardous waste containers.

Town Planner David Hulseberg explained that Polyclad's plans would exceed the requirements for safe storage of hazardous materials and that the new construction would make the facility safer.

The only negative concern was voiced by Thomas Woods who expressed the reservations which he had about the "potential danger from what they are storing."

The site plan was unanimously approved with 12 Orders of Condition.

Goretti's

Hulseberg announced that Goretti Management Corp. is planning on purchasing Goretti's supermarket on Providence Road from the Sweet Life Corporation and will expand the facility. He said Goretti's was looking for some indication from the board on how to proceed.

According to Lewandowski, the present facility has 15,820 sq. ft. and the proposed two story addition would increase the total footage to 27,530 sq. ft.

The board authorized Hulseberg to inform the Goretti's that there is interest from the board for them to proceed.

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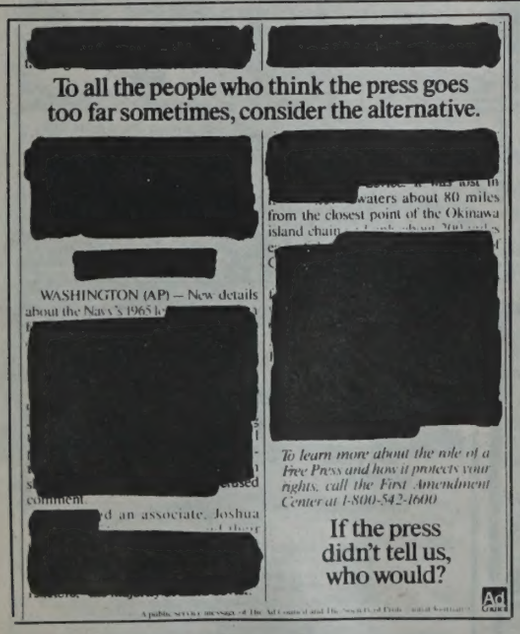
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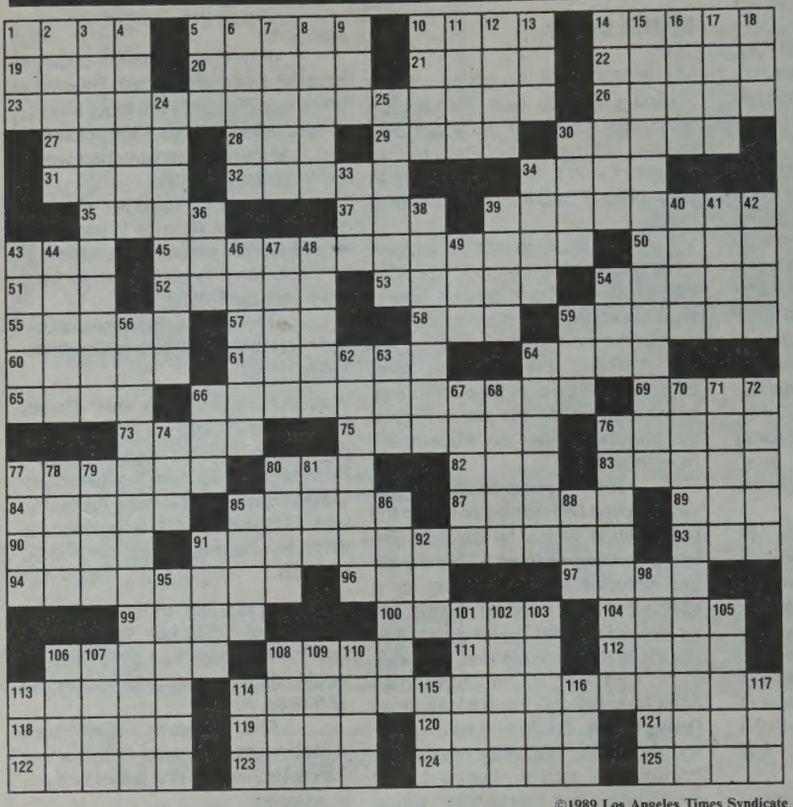

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66 — relief sculpture
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74 Chicago transports
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88 Tolkien character
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105 Greeting to Dolly
106 Prefix for cab or cure
107 City, lake or Indian
108 Solitary
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116 Nautical monogram
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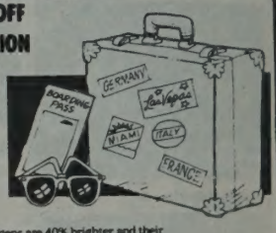

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Millbury Planning Board
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 41, Section 81Q of the M.G.L., the Millbury Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Monday, December 11, 1989 at 8:00 p.m. at the Municipal Office Building, 127 Elm Street, for modifications to the Millbury Subdivision Rules and Regulations.

Proposed changes to the Subdivision Rules and Regulations refers to the following sections:

Section 2: Dead End.
Section 4.04: Board Action.
Section 5.01: Boundary Locations.
Section 6.01: Incomplete Filings
Section 6.08: Rescission.

A full copy of the Subdivision Rules and Regulations may be obtained in the Planning Department during regular business hours.

Anyone wishing to be heard on this application should appear at the time and place designated above.

Anna Lewandowski
Chairwoman
November 23 and 30, 1989

Town of Millbury
WINTER PARKING REGULATIONS

Effective December 1, 1989 to April 1, 1990, no person shall park a vehicle on the following streets, or parts of streets, between the hours of 1:00 A.M. and 6:00 A.M. on any day:

BEACH STREET
BRANEY ROAD
BURBANK STREET - no parking from the Sutton-Millbury Town line to a point 110 feet South of Burbank Street's intersection with West Main Street
CANAL STREET
CHURCH STREET
CURVE STREET
DOLAN ROAD
ELM STREET
ELMWOOD STREET
GROVE STREET
HAMILTON STREET
HIGHLAND STREET
HOWE AVENUE
LESLIE LANE
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MAPLE STREET
MEMORIAL DRIVE
MILES STREET
RHODES STREET
SOUTH MAIN STREET from Gould Street to Rhodes Street.
STOWE ROAD
SULLIVAN PLACE
SUMMER STREET
SUNSET DRIVE
SYCAMORE STREET - no parking on the Southerly side
WATER STREET
WEST STREET
WEST MAIN STREET - exception: parking is allowed on the Westerly (even) side

Also effective December 1, 1989 to April 1, 1990, no person shall park a vehicle on the odd numbered side of any street between the hours of 1:00 A.M. and 6:00 A.M. of any day.

Also effective December 1, 1989 to April 1, 1990, no person shall park a vehicle upon any street after 2" of snow has accumulated.

The established fine for parking on a primary artery during the Winter Parking Ban is $10.00 for each offense; for parking on a secondary artery is $5.00 for each offense for interfering with snow removal or for parking after 2" of snow is $15.00 for each offense.

As provided by Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 90, Section 18, the Board of Selectmen has voted, upon the written request of the Tiffany Townhouse Association, Inc., that no person shall park a vehicle on Tiffany Circle, except in marked spaces, between the hours of 1:00 A.M. and 6:00 A.M. of any day, effective December 1, 1989 to April 1, 1990.

Millbury Board of Selectmen
November 16, 23, 30, 1989

DEADLINE

The deadline for all submissions to the Millbury-Sutton Chronicle is noon on Saturday of the week prior to publication.

Church Listings

OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION, MILLBURY: Reverend Monsignor Mederic J. Roberts, Pastor; Reverend Robert Spellman, Associate Pastor - Weekday Masses: 7:30 a.m.; Saturday Mass: 4:00 p.m.; Sunday Masses: 8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.; Confessions: Saturday from 3:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

ST. BRIGID'S - MILLBURY: Rev. Thomas J. Markey, Pastor; Rev. Laurence V. Brault, Associate Pastor - Weekday Masses: 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m.; Saturday Masses: 4:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.; Sunday Masses: 7:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.; Confessions: Saturday from 11:30 a.m. to noon, and from 3:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

St. ANNE'S - MANCHAUG: Weekday Masses: Monday through Thursday 9:00 a.m.; Friday at 7:00 p.m.; Saturday Masses: 5:00 p.m.; Sunday Masses 7:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Confessions: Saturday at 4:00 p.m.; Baptisms by appointment.

ST. MARK'S - SUTTON: Rev. Thomas V. Walsh, Pastor - Weekday Masses: 9:00 a.m.; Saturday Masses: 5:00 p.m.; Sunday Masses: 8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Confessions: Saturday 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.; Prayer Meeting: Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL, MILLBURY, Telephone - 865-9737: Rev. Bruce MacLeod, Interim Minister - Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30 a.m. - Church School 9:00 a.m.; Mondays 7:00 p.m., Diet Workshop; Deacons - First Thursday; Executive Board - Second Monday; Millbury Woman's Club - First Monday at noon.

MILLBURY FEDERATED CHURCH - United Church of Christ, United Methodist Church - Rev. Charles Mansfield, Interim Pastor - Sundays: 10:00 a.m., Worship and Childcare; 10:15 a.m., Church School; 11:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship

FIRST BAPTIST, WEST SUTTON: The Rev. John Olson - Sunday Morning Worship at 9:30 a.m. followed by Coffee Time at 10:30 a.m.; 3rd Tuesday of each month - Women's Association meetings.

FAITH ALIVE MINISTRIES - all welcome. 138 Providence Tpke. (Rte.146), Millbury, MA, 865-5966. Pastor John Pfeffer: Sunday morning service and Sunday school, 10:00 am; Evening, 7:30 pm; Wednesday Bible Study at 7:30 pm.

MILLBURY BAPTIST (American Baptist): The Rev. H. Raeburn Cameron, Pastor; Mr. Charles H. King, Minister of Music. Sunday School - Nursery through Adults at 9:30 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship at 11:00 a.m. (nursery provided); Communion Sunday, first Sunday of the month. Wednesdays: 10:00 a.m., Discovery Group meets for Bible study; Thursdays, Choir Rehearsal at 7:30 p.m.

RAYMOND MEMORIAL CONGREGATIONAL (United Church of Christ): Mr. Raymond Mars, Pastor; Miss Elfreida Klaucke, Organist - Sunday Morning Service at 9:30 a.m.

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL, Main St., Wilkinsonville: Rev. Walter E. Reynolds; Saturday, 5:30 p.m. - Holy Communion; Sunday, 8:00 a.m. Holy Communion - 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion (1st-3rd-5th Sunday); Morning Prayer on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. Church School - Pre-School - Grade 8

EMANUEL LUTHERAN, 200 Greenwood Street, Worcester, MA, Telephone: 756-6620: George G. Kinney, D.Min., Pastor; Family Worship Service, 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.; Educational Hour for Children and Adults, 10:30 a.m.; Communion on First Sunday of the month. Nursery provided.

ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 53 N. Main St., N. Grafton, 839-3453; Vicar, the Rev. Dr. Thomas Sullivan. Holy Eucharist 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Sundays.

UNION CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, 88 Main St., South Grafton. Member-Conservative Congregational Christian Conference. Dr. Hubert Reynhout, Interim Minister; Austin McLaughlin, Organist and Music Director. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship, 11 a.m. Sunday evening Service of Prayer and Praise, 9 p.m. Wednesday, choir rehearsal.

THE VILLAGE BIBLE CHURCH, meeting in the Raymond Memorial Church, Raymond Street, East Millbury: Pastor, Rev. Bruce Buchanan; Sunday Services at 11:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Sunday School, 5:30 p.m.; Wednesday night prayer meeting and Bible study, 7:00 p.m.

SUTTON FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH: Rev. Andrew J. Bierkan, Pastor - SUNDAYS: 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship & Church School in the Meetinghouse. Crib Room Nursery, Kindergarten, Grades 1-8 at 10:00 a.m.; Jr. P.F. twice a month; Sr. P.F. 7-9 p.m. PROGRAMS: Thursday Morning Bible Study at 10:00 a.m.; 2nd Thursday, Women's Fellowship of Sutton luncheon/program/meeting at noon. MONTHLY PUBLIC SUPPERS, 1st Saturdays, 5-7 p.m. MONTHLY PUBLIC LUNCHEONS: 3rd Wednesdays - noon to 1:00 p.m. April-Nov. Church School stops after June 10, Children's Day.

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH, 70 South Main St., Oxford. Pastor, Rev. Steven Goetsch. Saturday services at 5:00 p.m. Sunday services at 10:00 a.m. (July & August 9:00 a..m.) Sunday School at 8:45 a.m. Holy Communion at all services.

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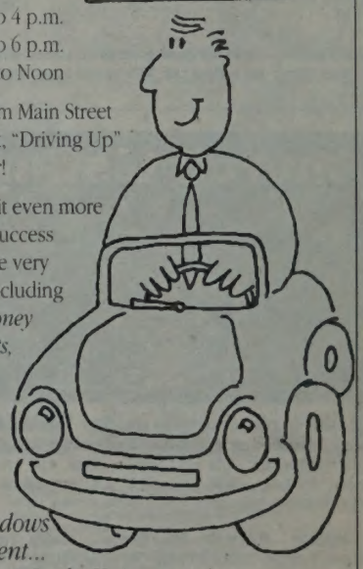

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